(d) The original Revival Scheme was approved by the BIFR subsidiary-wise in April, 2002. Subsequently, a Modified Scheme (MRS-08) for NTC has been approved by BIFR on 05.09.2008.

(e) As per MRS-08, the period of implementation of revival scheme for NTC has been extended upto 31.03.2009. The total cost of MRS-08 is Rs. 9102 crores which is self financing. The resources are to be generated by sale of assets of closed mills and surplus assets of viable mills. Through MRS-08, BIFR has approved closure of 12 more mills. MRS-08 has also recommended writing off of Government loan and waiver of interest thereon, as on 31.03.2007. In addition, various reliefs and concessions on Income Tax, Wealth Tax, Capital Gain Tax *etc.* have also been approved by BIFR.

Consultants for evaluating TUF

1855. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether consultants have been appointed to study and submit report on evaluating Textile Upgradation Fund (TUF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report has been submitted;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken on the report; and

(f) if not, by when the report will be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Weaver handloom hubs losing out to powerloom industry in Andhra Pradesh

1856. SHRI C. RAMA CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the major weaver handloom hubs namely Charmavaram, Hindupur, Udavakunda, Rajadurgam and Pochampalli in Andhra Pradesh are losing out to powerloom industry because of power cuts;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking steps to address the issue as it happens to be the prime cause to aggravate the debt-driven suicides in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No such reports have been received from the State Government.